


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	19-074	Meeting:	February 25, 2019
	Agenda Item:	52	Roll Call:	19-326
	Submitted by:	Benjamin R. Page, Park and Recreation Director and Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer		

AGENDA HEADING:

Hearing on Ruan Connector: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, engineer's estimate, and receive and file bids.

SYNOPSIS:

This is a public hearing to allow for public input on the Ruan Connector and take the necessary actions as required by Iowa Code to authorize a contract for construction of the proposed project. This project provides for the construction of a pedestrian passageway underneath Fleur Drive to facilitate passage between Des Moines Water Works Park and City of Des Moines Gray's Lake Park. The project addresses the need for safe pedestrian access between the two (2) parks and will provide a recreational amenity to both Parks.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$2,545,825.70 Apparent Low Bid (\$2,500,000 City Engineer's Estimate)

Funding Source: 2018-2019 CIP, Page Miscellaneous - 7, Ruan Connector, MS019, Being: Private

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Des Moines Water Works Parks Foundation requested to delay the award of the project until after their board meeting on March 8, 2019.
- On January 28, 2019, under Roll Call No. 19-0107, the City Council received and filed plans, specifications, form of contract documents, and City Engineer's estimate for the construction of the Ruan Connector. Before the City Council can enter into a contract, it must hold a public hearing and approve the proposed plans, specifications, and form of contract documents and engineer's estimate for the construction of the Ruan Connector, 04-2018-013. The improvement includes Portland Cement Concrete (PCC) paving, Hot Mix Asphalt (HMA) pavement, precast concrete arch structure, Excavation Class 20, dewatering, storm sewer, modified subbase, lighting, landscaping, sodding, fencing, and incidental items; all in accordance with the contract documents, including Plan File Nos. 607-001/042, located under Fleur Drive north of George Flagg Parkway, Des Moines, Iowa.

- Sealed bids for said improvement were submitted by the following bidders:
 - Cramer and Associates, Inc., Grimes, IA
 - Herberger Construction Company, Inc., Indianola, IA
 - Jensen Construction Company, Des Moines, IA

- The bids were received and opened at a public meeting presided over by the Engineer in the City Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 400 Robert D. Ray Drive, Des Moines, Iowa at 11:00 a.m. on February 12, 2019.

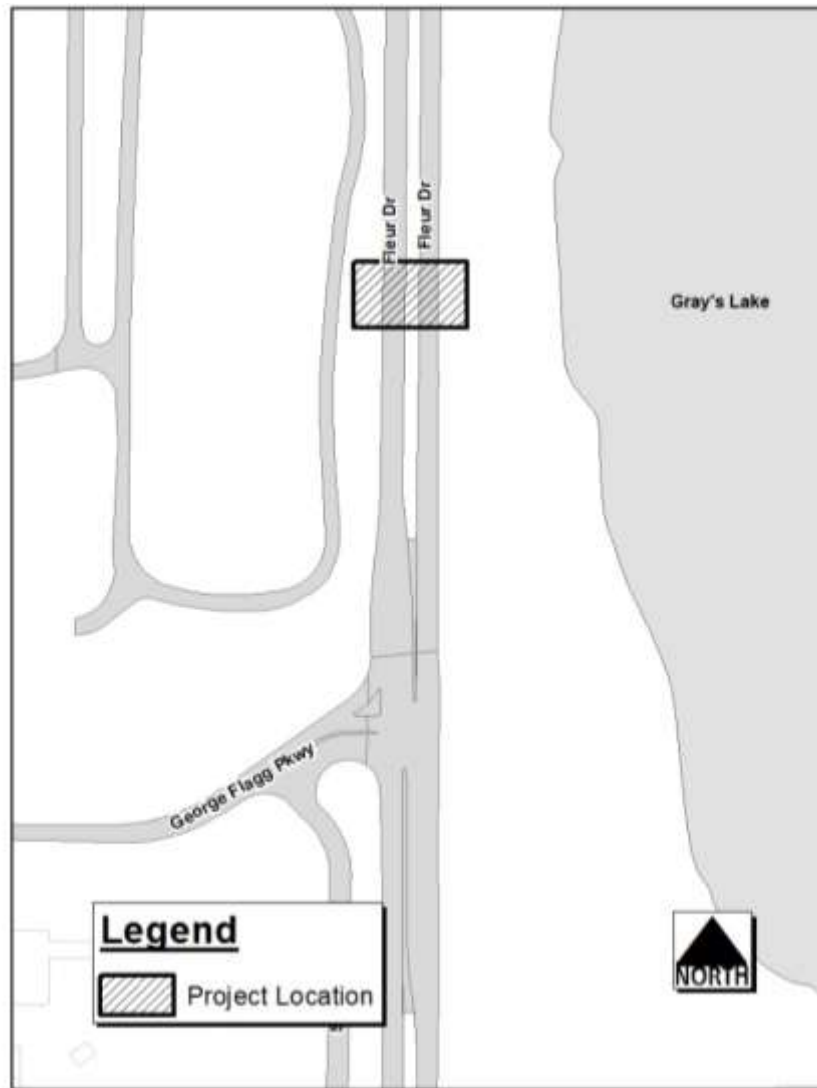
- On April 23, 2018, by Roll Call No. 18-0724, the City Council approved a 28E Agreement for construction and funding of the Ruan Connector between Des Moines Water Works, Des Moines Water Works Park Foundation (DMWWPF) and City of Des Moines.

- In 2013, Des Moines Water Works initiated a master plan process for Water Works Park to create a long-lasting vision for the future of this important 1,500-acre urban park. As its first project, the DMWWPF chose an enhanced public activity node at the eastern end of Water Works Park and adjacent to Gray's Lake Park. A key feature of this first project is the Ruan Connector connecting Gray's Lake and Water Works Parks, and will be funded by the DMWWPF.

- The DMWWPF is responsible for all construction costs of the Ruan Connector and has verified that it has available funds for construction prior to the City Council accepting bids for the project.

- Upon award and execution of the first construction contract, the DMWWPF shall provide the City with \$1,000,000 in a working capital fund to pay for construction contracts. The DMWWPF will replenish the fund as necessary to keep a balance of \$1,000,000 throughout the construction process. Upon completion and acceptance of the project and all final payments are made to contractors any final amount of funding in the working capital fund will be returned to the DMWWPF.

- The DMWWPF is also providing the City a maintenance fund of \$300,000 to assist with maintenance expenses, payable over three (3) years. This fund is for future major capital repairs and maintenance expenses and will not be used for daily maintenance of the underpass.



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: January 28, 2019

Roll Call Number: [19-0107](#)

Action: Ordering construction of the following:

- (A) [Ruan](#) Connector: Receiving of bids, (2-12-19), Setting date of hearing, (2-25-19). Engineer's estimate, \$2,500,000. ([Council Communication No. 19-045](#)) Moved by Mandelbaum to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Designating lowest responsible responsive bidder and approve contract and bond. Partial payments to the contractor and final acceptance of work.

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